



## Desert View News - Fall 2020

### Fulfilling Our Purpose

All of us have experienced hearing a song on the radio, perhaps singing along with it, and then we find that the tune continues to replay in thought (sometimes for days). That happened to me some months ago. On the way to work I heard the song, “Turn! Turn! Turn!” You might recognize that as a popular folk-rock song from the 60’s. Most of the lyrics are from the Bible’s book of Ecclesiastes (3:1-8). I liked that song at the time, still do, and at first I smiled as the tune meandered through thought because it includes the words: *a time to refrain from embracing*. (Did they know about social distancing?) But more than that, the words talk of there being a time for every purpose.

Now that’s what I would really stop and ponder, these times we find ourselves in, and our purpose. More than once, I reminded myself “He had made everything beautiful in his time” (Eccl 3:11). In other words, these are His times, not *the* times. At Desert View we have been working and praying together, and I have asked some Board and staff members to share their thoughts on our work during these past months.

*Chris Radel, Administrator*

### We are Grateful

In our practice of Christian Science, there is no down-time, no lag-time, or time when we are useless or “out of work.”

During this time when mortal mind, world thought, would limit our ability to be of complete service, Desert View Board and staff have worked hard to fulfill two Biblical directives from God: “set thy house in order” and “comfort ye my people.”



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Our staff has completed an extensive records retention project, reorganized supplies and updated our procedures manual while taking care of visiting Christian Science nursing and outpatient calls. We have upgraded our casita and attached bathroom for rest and study patrons and staff, and have purchased and installed three new nursing beds and three new comfortable lift chairs in the nursing rooms.

We have happily and humbly recognized that God, divine Love, is meeting our needs. We have received funds from various sources that covered staff wages for several months and allowed us to purchase the new furniture and implement the casita remodeling. Volunteers have donated their specialized skills out of love for Desert View, and some merchants have provided discounts. Branch churches and individuals have continued to donate in support of our activities.

The proverb reads, “Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths” (Proverbs 3:5, 6), and a well-loved article by Milton Simon, “All The Way” shows us that God does not take us part way, but all the way. He does not give us a task or mission or purpose without giving us the ability to fulfill it completely. And we are grateful!

*R. Derek Swire, CS, Board Vice President*

### **Newest Desert View Board Member, George Fay, introduces himself**

I was blessed to have been raised in New Jersey in a Christian Science family. Our religion was a core element of our home, and healings were a normal part of growing up. I received an electrical engineering degree at Georgia Tech under a work-study program. I then spent the first twenty years of my career as an engineer in several manufacturing plants. When a wonderful new opportunity came up, I made a career change to a business analyst implementing enterprise software. Sometimes I was a teacher, a supervisor and for two years a consultant. But ultimately, I was aware my role was to help others. It is in this spirit I joined the board of Desert View, whose core purpose is to bless all that reach out to it.



### **Financial Assistance for Christian Science nursing needs**

The National Fund for Christian Science nursing (NFCSN) is a benevolence fund that assists individuals with Christian Science nursing expenses, including invoices for care in Christian Science nursing facilities. However, they also assist with Christian Science visiting nurse services, in-home care and related nursing supplies and Christian Science practitioner invoices while receiving Christian Science nursing care. You can find out more, apply for assistance, or make a donation on their website: [nfcns.org](http://nfcns.org). You can also call them at (800) 873-2843, or email at [info@nfcns.org](mailto:info@nfcns.org).





## Quiet Listening

I have found that “quiet listening” is the most immediate and productive response that I can take to find helpful solutions to any critical situation. As a Christian Science nurse, I often see opportunities to serve our community in this quiet listening mode that take me to new views and guide me to the best way to meet the need of an inquiring individual.

During the Covid-19 pandemic, this quiet listening has been even more important in supporting our community and the prevailing thought of uncertainty. At Desert View, we are happy to meet calls and requests by offering Zoom meetings when personal visits are not available. Zoom calls are available to anyone who would like a face to face visit regardless of the distance from Desert View. The technology is not complicated, and we will help you learn it. You can reach our Christian Science nurse at (480) 299-0504.

In the Christian Science textbook, Mary Baker Eddy writes: “seedtime and harvest (though in changed forms), will continue until the end...” (*Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*, p. 96). Zoom helps us continue our supportive visits in new and changed forms. Mrs. Eddy was always keen on acquiring the newest technology, like the vacuum cleaner or an automobile to support her staff and household. We continue in this atmosphere of Love and Principle to meet every human need. Please don’t hesitate to call and make an appointment to Zoom with us.

*Cindy Snowden, Director of  
Christian Science Nursing*



## Balance

My topic for September is "Balance," It has many definitions for use by gymnasts, accountants, scientists, watchmakers, designers, and lawyers, to name a few. I chose it for its definition of "mental and emotional steadiness." This kind of balance is essential in these unpredictable times with no precedents in our recent history. It is our knowledge of God's all power and presence and that His laws are always governing the universe, though often unseen, that gives us balance. Balance is needed by your Board and staff of Desert View as we pray for guidance in making decisions about how to shepherd our resources and serve the Christian Science community in a safe and law abiding way. We invite you, our readers, to join us in praying on this topic and to share your ideas.

*Joy Mee, Board President*





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